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January 29, 2015

Omer Shalev **Environmental Engineer** Land Division (LND 4-2) Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 75 Hawthorne St. San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Shalev:

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF SITE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE INTERIM SOIL REMEDIATION, SOUTHWEST MARINE TERMINAL ISLAND FACILITY, 985 SEASIDE AVENUE (BERTH 240), PORT OF LOS ANGELES, REMEDIAL ACTION ORDER NO. HAS-RAO 08/09-056

At your request, the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department is providing the attached memorandum from our environmental consultant, The Source Group, Inc., which summarizes steps that were taken to secure the former Southwest Marine Facility Site following completion of the interim soil removal activities in accordance with the Soil Removal Action Workplan.

If you require any additional information or have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rita Brenner at (310) 732-3127 or via email at rbrenner@portla.org.

CHRISTOPHER CANNON

Director of Environmental Management

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Sincerely

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rita Brenner, Los Angeles Harbor Department

From: Neil Irish, The Source Group, Inc.

Date: January 28, 2015

Subject: Steps Taken to Secure the former Southwest Marine Site

Post-Removal Action Work Plan Implementation

During the fall of 2014, The Source Group, Inc. (SGI) working on behalf of the Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) conducted soil excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil in accordance with the May 15, 2013, *Removal Action Work Plan – Former Southwest Marine Facility*. Soils containing PCBs, metals, and/or petroleum hydrocarbons were excavated and removed from Parcel 3a and the western portion of Parcel 2 (see attached map). Post-excavation soil confirmation sampling indicated that soil with concentrations of PCBs in excess of the 0.55 mg/kg cleanup remained in portions of Parcel 3a.

Due to funding limitations, no further soil excavation could be performed and thus PCB-containing soil remained present in excavation floors and bottoms. To secure the PCB-containing soils and to mitigate the risk of exposure to site workers or nearby receptors, the following steps were taken:

- Areas with PCB-containing soil were isolated with locked, 6-foot tall chain-link fence. Signs were placed on the fence to warn of the contaminants and to discourage entry into the area. This fenced area is located within the confines of the former SWM facility that is secured with a locked, outer perimeter fence. The fences are inspected monthly as requested by the DTSC. The inspections are documented and any security issues are noted and quickly resolved.
- 2. Excavations containing PCBs in excess of cleanup goals were lined with durable plastic sheeting. The plastic sheeting was secured with sand bags and is periodically inspected to ensure that it is in place and that no rips, tears, or separations have occurred. Repairs are made immediately, if necessary.
- Best management practices (BMPs) are in place at the site in accordance with the sitespecific stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). These BMPs include sand bags placed around storm drains and straw waddles to control surface runoff during rain events.
- 4. Paved areas of the site were thoroughly swept with an industrial sweeper to recover soil and other debris. Sweeping residue was containerized and transported off-site for disposal as a TSCA, PCB-containing waste material.

The above measures will remain in effect until the next phase of soil excavation begins at the site. It is anticipated that the remaining PCB-containing soil will be excavated and removed from the site during the late summer or fall of 2015.

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